

Scotus Central Catholic Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
3/18/2021

Chris Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Fr. Ross Burkhalter, Fr. Joe Miksch, Tim Beaver, Dr. Scott Cameron, Mike Dreesen, Chris Hutchinson, Jay Pelan and Kathy Steiner. Absent: Fr. Mike Swanton, Lisa Kaslon, Shannon Kosch, and Clint Przymus. Also present: Jason Mielak, board member emeritus. Administrators present: Jeff Ohnoutka, President; Merlin Lahm, Activities Director/Asst. Principal; and John Schueth, Development Director. Administrators absent: Angie Rusher, Asst. Principal.

The meeting opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Fr. Joe moved and Dr. Cameron seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of agenda item "Facility Report" and the motion carried. The 2/18/2021 meeting minutes were approved as read. Fr. Joe moved and Tim Beaver seconded a motion to excuse absent board members and the motion carried.

HANDOUTS – none.

VISITOR RECOGNITION/CORRESPONDENCE/INTRODUCTIONS – Amy Sokol, representing St. Anthony Parish; and representing STO were: Pat Brockhaus, Sam Rose and Dana Ritzdorf.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (in addition to submitted printed reports in board packets)

Mr. Lahm reported that spring sports numbers include: co-op baseball (10), co-op girls' tennis (3), boys' soccer (24), girls' soccer (20), boys' track (22) and girls' track (36.) State speech began today with seven Scotus students competing in six events. We know that Scotus has medaled in at least three events. District music will be on April 13 at CHS and Class B state journalism is on April 2nd at Norfolk HS. Mr. Schueth did not have anything to add to his printed report. Mr. Ohnoutka shared that there will be some changes in the curriculum for the fall. In the business department, computer applications will be moved from a 9th grade course to a computer applications I in seventh grade and computer applications II in 8th grade. A personal finance course and a computer business applications course will be required in 9th grade. American History will be moved to the 8th grade to accommodate state testing requirements, and world history will be offered in the sophomore year. He also mentioned that the state is considering new health standards in relation to gender and the Nebraska Catholic Conference is working hard to oppose those proposed standards. Members of the Scotus safety committee attended 2 days of online training from the Nebraska Department of Education on emergency operations planning. The Scotus committee will provide this training to the elementary school safety committees. Mr. Ohnoutka also reported that Scotus is eligible for \$167,000 from Emergency Assistance for Nonpublic Schools (EANS.) The money is to help with COVID-related expenses and must be used by 2023. Schools applying for a second PPP loan are not eligible for EANS funds.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Parish Tuition Assistance Report. Mr. Ohnoutka reported that two years ago the combined 3-parish support for the school year was \$895,000 and in the budget for 2021-22 he is currently budgeting \$815,000.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION Jay Pelan moved and Tim Beaver seconded a motion to go into executive session and the motion carried at 6:52 pm. Fr. Joe moved and Fr. Ross seconded a motion to go out of executive session at 7:13 pm and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee. Mr. Ohnoutka provided a review of the February financial reports for the Scotus general fund and cafeteria. For the school's general fund, Mr. Ohnoutka noted that year-to-date revenue is on target with budget expectations. Year-to-date expenses are \$59,800 below budget but a new \$17,000 computer server had to be purchased. Presently, the general fund is \$62,669 to the good of the budget. On the income side, the cafeteria is \$37,374 behind expectations—likely due to state

reimbursements arriving late. Year-to-date expenses for the cafeteria are \$31,596 below expectations leaving net income just \$5,777 below expectations. Dr. Cameron moved and Jay Pelan seconded a motion to approve the general fund and cafeteria finance reports and the motion carried.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting. The next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, April 15, 2021 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The finance committee meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Facility Report, Updates on Gala, Curriculum, Staff.

ROUNDTABLE

Announcements were made by board members.

Fr. Joe moved and Fr. Ross seconded a motion to adjourn and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Schueth